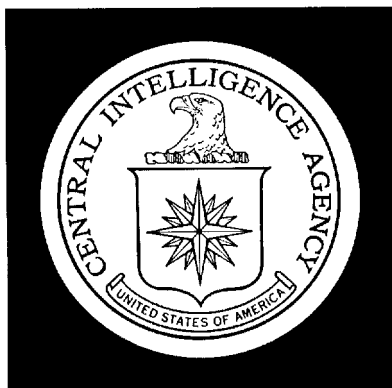


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NOTES

Panama: The government is pressing for resumption of negotiations with the US on revision of the 1903 Canal Treaty. The Panamanian foreign minister on 16 January asked the US ambassador when the US would be ready to resume treaty discussions, and said that his government wants to announce the date to the public. Panamanian strongman General Torrijos, who is committed to treaty revision, may wish to use the canal issue to build public support for his regime which has accomplished little in its 15 months in power.

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